GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Telangana Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of **0.508 ha** of forest land **(FP/TG/OFC/469622/2024)** in WLM Eturnagaram forest division in Mulugu district for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road and within the existing Right of Way in favour of M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited- Final (Stage.II) approval accorded–Orders – Issued.

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iii. **Compensatory Afforestation:** The Forest Department shall raise 100 plants and maintain (for the specific period as per the provision of FC rules 2023) in the nearby degraded forest land at the cost of the User Agency. The CA shall be carried out as per the timeline provided in the FC Rules 2023.

iv. The User Agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department ;

v. The depth of the trench shall not be more than 2 m and width shall not be more than 0.4 m and after laying down of optical fiber cable the ground shall be leveled. The cable line should be laid atleast one meter below the ground;

vi. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the sight so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.

vii. The muck generated in the earth cutting if any, will be disposed off at the designated sites and in no case the muck/ debris will be disposed off in the forest area by the User Agency'

viii. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.508 ha** and the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;

ix. User Agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.

x. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of competent authority;

xi. The User Agency should take permission for carrying out any maintenance;

xii. The Annual Compliance Monitoring report shall be uploaded on e-portal (parivesh(dot)nic(dot)in/)

xiii. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly.

xiv. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project;

xv. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023.

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xvi. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest& Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest Conservation, protection and development of Forests &Wildlife.

5. The Nodal Officer shall be responsible for obtaining the compliance of all the conditions laid down in the Stage-II (final) approval accorded under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad shall take further action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

AHMAD NADEEM
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
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SECTION OFFICER